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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Further to Applicants' Duty of Disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants wish to bring to the Examiner's attention the material cited on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of the cited references are enclosed.

The enclosed references were cited in a Search Report for corresponding PCT Application No. PCT/EP01/04443 , copy enclosed.

The non-English language reference, DE 196 17 205 A, in particular column 2, lines 13 – 21; column 2, lines 32 – 49; column 3, line 20 to column 4, line 53; column 5, line 29 to column 6, line 10; Figures 1 – 3; and claims 1, 2, 6, was cited as category X (document of

particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone) with respect to claims 1, 16.

The non-English language reference, DE 197 22 609 A, in particular column 1, lines 23 – 57, Figure 2, and claims 1, 3 was cited as category X with respect to claims 1, 16.

The non-English language reference DE 298 07 344 U, in particular page 5, paragraph 1 to page 7, paragraph 2, and claim 1, was cited as category X with respect to claims 1, 16.

The non-English language reference EP 0 643 372 A, in particular the abstract; column 3, line 20 to column 5, line 42; Figure 2 and claims 1, 2, 8, was cited as category X with respect to claims 1, 16.

The non-English language reference EP 0 433 751 A, in particular the abstract; column 2, line 40 to column 3, line 57; column 4, line 44 to column 8, line 6; Figures 1, 2, 4, was cited as category A (defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance) with respect to claims 1, 16.

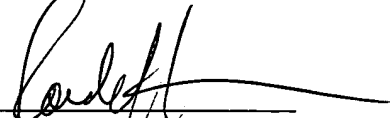
The non-English language reference EP 0 247 632 A, the entire document, was cited as category A.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider these documents and return an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form indicating his consideration of the cited materials.

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